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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising

a gasket plate,

an aperture through said plate, and

an annular flange surrounding said aperture and formed as one piece of the same material as said gasket plate and ~~[[in]]~~ extending perpendicular to said plate to a wavy outer edge varying between crests and valleys for folding into surface-to-surface contact with an annular portion of said plate surrounding the aperture~~[[;]]~~

~~said annular flange providing to provide~~ a stopper seal around the aperture~~[[;]]~~

~~said annular flange~~ having arcuately spaced areas of varying thickness and varying radial ~~extend~~ extent relative to said aperture, ~~with~~ whereby the crests define relatively thicker areas of said annular flange having a relatively greater radial extent than that of relatively thinner areas of said annular flange defined by the valleys.

2. (Currently amended) The gasket of claim 1, wherein said plate has bolt-receiving holes spaced radially outwardly from said flange in arcuately spaced relation to one another, and the ~~areas~~ valleys of said flange being adjacent to said bolt-receiving holes ~~are to be~~ of said lesser thickness and ~~of~~ said lesser radial extent than that of the ~~areas~~ crests of said flange being spaced more distant from said bolt-receiving holes.

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3. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising
a gasket plate,
an aperture through said plate, and
an annular flange extending in a constant thickness per pendicularly to said
plate to an annular wavy edge varying in height between highs and lows whereby,
said flange ~~being in~~ may be doubled over into surface-to-surface contact
with an annular portion of said plate surrounding the aperture ~~and integrally connected as~~
~~one piece of the same material to said annular portion by a doubled over connecting~~
~~portion which defines an annular marginal edge of the aperture,~~
said ~~annular flange providing to provide~~ a stopper seal around the aperture,
[[and]]
said ~~annular flange~~ having arcuately spaced areas of varying thickness and
an outer annular margin of varying radial extent relative to said ~~aperture~~ aperture.

4. (Currently amended) The gasket of claim 3, wherein said plate has
bolt-receiving holes spaced radially outwardly from said flange in arcuately spaced
relation to one another, and the ~~areas~~ lows of said flange being adjacent to said bolt-
receiving hole ~~are~~ and of lesser thickness than the ~~areas~~ highs of said flange being more
distant from said bolt-receiving holes.

5. (Currently amended) The gasket of claim [[4]] 1, wherein said
~~annular portion of the gasket~~ flange is of uniform thickness in the radial direction about
said aperture.

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Claim 6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Canceled)
